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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: FURUHATA)
Serial No.: 09/459,305)
Filed: December 10, 1999)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, METHODS OF)
MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICES, CIRCUIT SUBSTRATES AND)
ELECTRONIC DEVICES)

Group Art Unit: 2811
Examiner: Tran, T.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sirs:

In the statements of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicant notes that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed claims resides in the combination of features recited in that claim in addition to any features noted by the Examiner.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for the telephone discussion on July 20, 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that the drawings were accepted by the Examiner. The Examiner also acknowledged the claim for foreign priority and receipt of the priority document (as indicated in the Office Action dated Sept. 25, 2001 (paper no. 12)).

It is believed that no fee is due for consideration of this paper. If, however, a fee is due for consideration of this paper, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0585.

Respectfully submitted,

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